

Kanine Korner

By Francis X. Lohmann

Hair around the eyes of small, silky-coated dogs is most easily groomed with a medium soft toothbrush . . . Small dogs of any breed can be accommodated in a doll bed during car trips. Place the bed lengthwise between the front and back seats. Secure with brackets attached to the sides and hook over the front seat. Height is about window level, allowing canine passengers to watch the passing scene while safely and comfortably confined.

Rudyard Kipling once said, "His name is not dog of the field any longer, but the first friend because the dog will be our friend forever and ever and ever." . . . The war dogs of the ancient Gauls were outfitted in

armor and collars bristling with spikes . . . It was most interesting to note in passing that the coat of the Kerry Blue Terrier is black at birth, gradually turning to a light shade and then rich dark blue.

HUMANE Society of the United States' current slate of officers elected to guide the organization during 1969 include: Mel L. Morse, president; Alice M. Wagner, secretary; and William Kerber, treasurer. HSUS headquarters at 1145 19 St., Washington, D.C. . . . Sophie Frankfurt from behind the Iron Curtain in Moscow regularly corresponds and reports on Soviet howl activities with this reporter. Sophie is an avid Irish

Terrier fancier and most active in Russian dog club and dog show circles. Recently I by-lined a story for Popular Dogs Magazine entitled "Dogs Behind the Iron Curtain." Contrary to popular belief, dog shows do exist in Russia and the winning dogs are awarded copper, silver and gold medals (according to their placement) instead of points ribbons and sundry trophies.

THERE is no truth to the old belief, that as long as a dog has a cool, moist nose, he is in good health. Many times this is the case but don't depend on it. A mighty sick dog can have a cold nose . . . Take out just a few moments daily to brush and comb your dog's coat. A beautifully, immaculately groomed, healthy, happy and loving companion will be your reward.

Dog poisoning, unfortunately, is on the upgrade in the Southland. Cases are reported to me almost daily. Please be careful not to allow your dog to pick up

anything from the street. Keep on the lookout, too, for any suspicious looking person dropping bits of food in backyards. Human friends have even gone to the unbelievable extent of concealing ground glass in hamburger meat.

A dog judge is a person duly authorized and licensed by the American Kennel Club to judge pure bred dogs at shows sanctioned by the AKC. Licenses to judge are granted only after the proper applications are made to the AKC and all the qualifications of the applicant are screened. Some judges are licensed to judge certain breeds, others to judge all breeds.

BREED OF THE WEEK—Otterhound . . . No one in or out of the fascinating sport of dogs can debate the fact that the Otterhound is one of the most ancient breeds of dog, dating back to the 11th Century. However, there are many differences of opinion as to his origin. The Bloodhound, the Old

Southern Hound of Europe, the Welsh Harrier, the Irish Water Spaniel, the Bulldog, and an old French breed, now extinct, known as the Vandee Hound have all been mentioned as possible ancestors. It is just possible that all the aforementioned bloods are combined in the Otterhound we know today.

As his name signifies, his primary function was in the so-called sport of hunting otter. This sport was in its heyday during the latter of the 19th Century.

THE OTTERHOUND is the only hound breed considered a full fledged water dog. He is a craftsman at his particular job in life. He has keen scenting powers, a far-carrying musical bay, a water resistant coat and duck like feet, making him a powerful swimmer. Courage and toughness is another pair of essential assets for a hound that

hunts the otter, a ferocious animal, capable of inflicting a savage bite if cornered.

It is most interesting to note that the Otterhound was used to produce the ever popular Airedale and is credited with endowing the Airedale with his aptitude for swimming and undisputed keen nose. The pursuit of otter has never been practiced in America and so therefore the Otterhound found himself unemployed on this side of the "Big Pond," those curtailing his popularity potential.

However, he does have a small but definitely loyal group of fanciers who appreciate his sweet and loving disposition, his quaint appearance and inborn sagacity. The Otterhound tips the scales at about 65 pounds and in height 25 inches.

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Telephone Firm Plans \$92 Million Program

An extensive construction program in this area is planned by Pacific Telephone for 1969, according to Jim Conn, manager of PT&T's Torrance office.

Residence and business telephones will increase by more than 22,000 in the Los Angeles area this year, not including extensions, he said.

Conn added that Pacific will have expenditures of \$92.9 million in the L.A. area.

That includes \$5.8 million for land and buildings, \$27.8 million for equipment that switches calls at the PT&T offices, \$42.8 million for equipment at the premises of customers, \$14.6 million for cables and poles and \$1.9 million for general equipment such as trucks and furniture.

The Pacific manager said major projects include:

- Downtown, \$3 million for an electronic switching system for City of Los Angeles telephones and \$2.5 million for a multi-level parking facility and other equipment at 420 S. Grand Ave.
- For Beverly Hills, more than \$1.9 million for switching gear at Century Park East.
- At 6900 S. Vermont Ave., \$455,000 for an addition to a building.
- At 10600 S. Vermont Ave., \$150,000 for a building addition.
- In Culver City, \$417,000 for an addition to a building.
- In Lomita, \$200,000 for a building addition.

- In Torrance (served by equipment in Gardena), \$98,000 for switching equipment for Garrett Corp.



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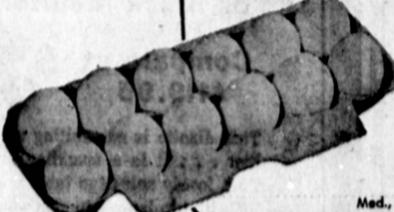
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